

Exhibit 6

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PAM MERRELL
THE MONTANA POWER COMPANY
40 E BROADWAY
BUTTE MT 59701-9394

September 29, 2000

RE: THE MONTANA POWER,
L.L.C.
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
Date of Filing: September 28, 2000
Filing Number: 372934 - C105835

Dear Ms. Merrell:

I've approved the filing of the documents for the above named entity. The document number and filing date have been recorded on the original document. This letter serves as your certificate of filing and should be maintained in your files for future reference.

Pursuant to your request, I have deducted \$90.00 from your prepaid account to cover the costs of this transaction.

Thank you for giving this office the opportunity to serve you. If you have any questions in this regard, or need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Services Bureau professionals at (406) 444-3665.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Cooney".

Mike Cooney
Secretary of State
Enclosure

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SECRETARY OF STATE

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
OF
THE MONTANA POWER, L.L.C.**

The undersigned, acting as organizer of The Montana Power, L.L.C., under the Montana Limited Liability Company Act, (hereinafter the "Act") adopt the following Articles of Organization for said Limited Liability Company:

**I.
NAME OF COMPANY**

The name of the limited liability company is The Montana Power, L.L.C. (the "Company").

**II.
PERIOD OF DURATION**

The Company shall be an "At Will" company as defined in §35-8-102(2) of the Act.

**III.
PURPOSE**

The Company is organized for any legal and lawful purpose pursuant to the Montana Limited Liability Company Act, except for the purpose of banking or insurance.

**IV.
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The Company's principal place of business in Montana is:

40 E Broadway
Butte, Montana 59701-9394

**V.
REGISTERED AGENT**

The Company's registered agent and address is as follows:

Corporation Service Company
26 West Sixth Avenue
Helena, Montana 59601

**VI.
MEMBERS**

The total amount of cash contributed by check or wire or certified funds and the fair market value of property contributed by the Member is \$500.00. The Member has not agreed to

make any additional contributions, but may agree to do so in the future upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Operating Agreement.

**VII.
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS**

The Member reserves the right to admit additional Members upon the unanimous agreement of the Member as to the admission of, and the consideration to be paid by, such new Members, and subject to the terms and conditions of the Company's Operating Agreement.

**VIII.
OPERATING AGREEMENT**

The Operating Agreement of the Company shall be executed by each Member of the Company and shall set forth all provisions for the affairs of the Company and the conduct of its business to the extent that such provisions are not inconsistent with law or these Articles.

**IX.
LIABILITIES OF MEMBERS AND MANAGERS**

Members and managers of the Company are not liable under a judgment, decree or order of a court, or in any other manner, for a debt, obligation or liability of the Company.

**X.
MANAGERS**

The Company will be managed by its member. The name and business address of which is:

Touch America Holdings, Inc.
40 East Broadway Street
Butte, Montana, 59701-9394

The manager may be removed and replaced by the Member, as provided in the Operating Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused these Articles of Organization to be executed this 28th day of September, 2000.

By: 
Pamela K. Merrell
Organizer

**THE MONTANA POWER COMPANY
40 E. BROADWAY
BUTTE, MONTANA**

CONSENT

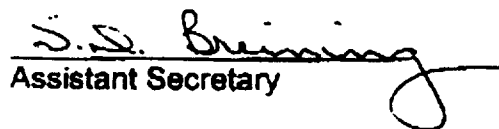
I, P. K. Merrell, Vice President and Secretary of The Montana Power Company,
do hereby consent to the use of the name The Montana Power, L.L.C. by Touch
America Holdings, Inc.. for its special use subsidiary.

Dated September 28, 2000.

The Montana Power Company


Vice President and Secretary

Attest:


Assistant Secretary

Acceptance of Appointment of Registered Agent

For the purpose of having and continuously maintaining a registered agent at a registered office within the state of Montana, the undersigned submits the following statements of fact to the Secretary of State:

The exact name of the entity is: The Montana Power, L.L.C.

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation in the State of Montana is 26 West Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 1691, Helena, Montana 59624.

The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at the said registered office is Corporation Service Company.

**STATEMENT IN WRITING BY REGISTERED AGENT
ACCEPTING ITS APPOINTMENT**

The undersigned registered agent hereby states that it accepts its appointment.

Corporation Service Company

By: 

Vivien Mitchell, Assistant Vice
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STATE OF MONTANA
Office of the Secretary of State

I hereby certify this is a true and correct copy, consisting of 10 pages, as taken from the original on file in this office. Originality of this certification can be determined by the color blue.

DATED: 2-12-07

BY: [Signature]

Bob Brown
Bob Brown
Secretary of State